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Frances L. Kelley
Executive Director
Indiana Professional Licensing Agency

Dear Ms. Kelley:

Pursuant to IC 4-22-2-28, the Indiana Economic Development Corporation ("IEDC") has reviewed the economic impact analysis for small businesses associated with rule changes proposed by the Indiana Professional Licensing Agency ("IPLA") on behalf of the Indiana Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners ("Board") and contained in LSA Document 08-678. The proposed rule adds 888 IAC 1.1-12 to establish the fee, requirements, and procedures for the veterinary investigative fund established by legislative mandate.

Entities affected by the proposed rule will be veterinary practices, veterinary hospitals, veterinarians, and veterinary technicians. The IPLA estimates that there are approximately 2,200 licensed veterinarians and 746 registered veterinary technicians.

The IPLA indicates that costs incurred as a result of this rule will be minimal. Veterinarians and registered veterinary technicians will incur a cost of an additional ten dollar ($10) fee that will be dedicated to the investigative fund. Veterinary practices, veterinary hospitals, and veterinary emergency care facilities may be indirectly affected by licensee compliance in that the facilities' professionals will incur an increased cost to practice. The IPLA does not anticipate any new annual reporting, administrative, or record keeping costs to be imposed on small businesses as a result of this rule.

The IEDC does not object to the economic impact to small business associated with this proposed rule. The costs associated with the proposed rule are modest and are deemed necessary by the IPLA to carry out its statutory responsibilities.

If you have any questions about the comments contained herein please contact me at 232-8962 or rasberry@iedc.in.gov.

Regards,

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